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Thanks

- .. To those who supported our teams at the Middle School Summer Sports Tournament.
- .. To Brenda Sinclair and Lisa Verevis for transporting and supporting our Lit Quiz team today.
- .. Brenda Sinclair, Mr D and other parents who will support those children representing Matarau School at the ANZAC cross laying ceremony on Saturday morning.
- .. Police Education Officer Jasmine Bundle who has worked with children and teachers in recent weeks - it has been an absolute pleasure working with Jasmine!

People of the week

- ... Jordan and Bayden for great sportsmanship and supporting the younger kids in their team during the Summer Sports Day this week.
- ... Bayden received "Player of the Year" for the Kamo Gold B Grade cricket team.
- ... The following Matarau children who swum with Kamo Swimming Club this season : Calum - Male who has achieved and improved the most; Caleb - Outstanding Dedication to Training; Competitive Champions - 10 yr boys: 1st Max, 3rd Caleb; 11 yr boys: 1st Jared, 2nd Calum; Non Competitive Champions - 8 yrs girls: 2nd Abbey; 9 yr boys: 1st Johnathan, 3rd Oliver; 10 yr boys: 1st Jordan; 11 yr girls: 1st Emily, 2nd Ruby; 11 yr boys: 1st Reuben, 2nd Cameron; 12 yr girls: 1st Hazel; 12 yr boys: 3rd Daniel

Parent / Student Surveys

- Our parent and student surveys are up and running and awaiting your input. These surveys can be accessed at the links below and take only a few minutes to complete. Results will assist us to identify ..
- .. perceptions of how learning is managed and valued (parent survey)
 - .. student perceptions of their strengths and learning styles

As with all surveys .. **responses are most useful when based on broader experience as opposed to any recent event or one-off occurrences.** So .. think carefully before responding. In order not to invalidate responses **please try not to lead or prompt your child with their responses.**

Please note .. *that only one set of responses can be sent from any individual computer. If you would like additional hard copies these can be requested from the school office.*

Parents survey - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T5HYZ3J>

Student survey - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R3D3QY5>

Thank you for your contribution to these surveys. **We will keep the survey open for two more weeks in the hope of more responses.** Results will be made available later in the year.

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Term Events .. coming events in brief

4 April	Senior vaccinations
5 April	Final day term 1
23 April	1 st day of Term 2

Room 4 Request

Room 4 are looking for any donations of dolls and dolls clothes for the class to play with during wet playtimes. Any Barbie dolls, action men or baby dolls would be greatly appreciated.

Religious Instruction Classes

.. commence Monday 30 April. These classes will operate 9:00 to 9:30 on Monday mornings. Children whose parents have requested non-inclusion will be allocated work for this time and will be supervised and supported by a staff member. If your child was included last year we will assume your consent to include this year. If not included last year we will assume non-inclusion again this year. If you would like to change last year's arrangements please advise our school office next week and we will update our records. We also understand that there may be changes within the first 2 weeks of the programme getting up and operating and this is fine (as long as arrangements are firmed up by week beginning 14 May). Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you have questions about this programme. The curriculum is ecumenical, mainstream and heavily aligned to the National Health Curriculum. You should feel under no pressure to include or non-include - this is absolutely your call!

Mobile Ear Clinic

.. will be located outside the Bush Road Medical centre 8:30 to 3:30 Wednesday 4 April. No appointment necessary. Pre-schoolers welcome.

Junior Disco 2012

The School Council is holding a disco for Years 1-4. It will be at lunchtime on Wednesday 2nd of May, Week 2 of Term 2. It is \$1 entry. Make sure you come along in your pyjamas!

School Sponsors

If interested in being a school sponsor for the 2012 school year please contact Alison Faithfull on 4335557.

Learning Support Programme

If your child has been nominated for placement in a learning support programme for term 2 please return their consent form as soon as possible. Parent support with homework tasks is essential if the benefits of involvement are to be optimised.

After School Reading Labs

Observations and initial data seem to suggest that children involved in last year's after school labs have benefited from this involvement. As advised in an earlier letter we have decided to continue these labs this year. If you received a letter today suggesting that your child might benefit from placement please give careful consideration to their placement (however up to you) and return their consent next week so we can reserve a place. Children would be expected at 2 of the 3 nominated labs. If you did not receive a letter and you would like to discuss your child/ren's suitability for these labs please give Kevin a call.

Milk in Schools

If you would like your child to receive a free carton of milk on specified mornings please complete the form and return it to school by Monday 2nd April please. If you did not receive a form please contact the school office. If you do NOT wish your child to receive milk it is not necessary to return your form.

Lost Property

Please drop by some time to have a look at our lost property mountain. Clothes, footwear and towels left on Thursday will be donated to charities.

Netball Teams 2012

Information was sent out to interested parties last week. If you did not receive information, and would like to, please contact the school office (or Mrs Marvin) with any questions.

International Schools English and Maths Competitions

Consent forms for the above competitions were sent out some weeks back. If you have not returned your consent form or money, you need to return both form & money to the office by **THIS COMING MONDAY**. The English paper is scheduled for 31 July and the Maths paper is scheduled for 14 August.

After School Care

For information on this service please visit www.skids.co.nz, text or call Denise on 027 846 1724 or alternatively by checking in with Denise or Hannah at the school hall. The standard of this programme has been significantly upgraded and large subsidies are available to most users. If we do not use this programme we may lose it!

Final thought

This is the final newsletter of term 1. Thank you to parents for your support this term, teachers for your hard work and children for a great start to the year. If travelling over the holidays we wish you safe travel.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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Community Notices

Fantasy Cheerleading is currently taking enrolments for term 2 - combination of gymnastics, acrobatics and dance that not only increases your child's fitness, strength and coordination but also promotes strong team work and individual confidence. For children 4 yrs and over. All enquiries welcome phone Toni 4348046 or 021883430 alternatively visit our website www.fantasycheerleading.co.nz

Badminton Academy Holiday Program – Learn, Train, Play, 16th-20th April, 41 Porowini Ave, Morningside, \$50 per day. Contact 099460589 or 0212058702 or lee@nzba.net.nz

Winter Tennis League – Wednesdays 6pm – 8pm Thomas Neale Family Memorial Park Tennis Centre, mixed and doubles, \$20 per team plus \$5 per player per week. Contact Wendy Sykes 021437505 or wendytdo@xtra.co.nz

Northland Swim for Life – Helps children develop fundamental swimming and survival skills to be safe in and around water. For further info contact Esther Hone-Moore, Sport Northland, 0274141467 or email estherh@sportnorth.co.nz.

Swimming lessons – with SwimMagic at the Whangarei Aquatic Centre. Enrol now for our school holiday intensive program – 5 consecutive days of lessons during the second week of the Easter school holidays for just \$60.

School Banking with ASB

Don't forget to bank some of your pocket money. Bank regularly and be in with a chance to win \$20 extra in your account.

Last week's winner in Northland was Charlie Finlayson – he's such an awesome saver!



Be a weekly winner!

Don't miss the chance to win a \$20 savings boost with ASB School Banking. There are **50 prizes to be won every week** throughout term one. So remember to make a deposit with School Banking for your chance to win.

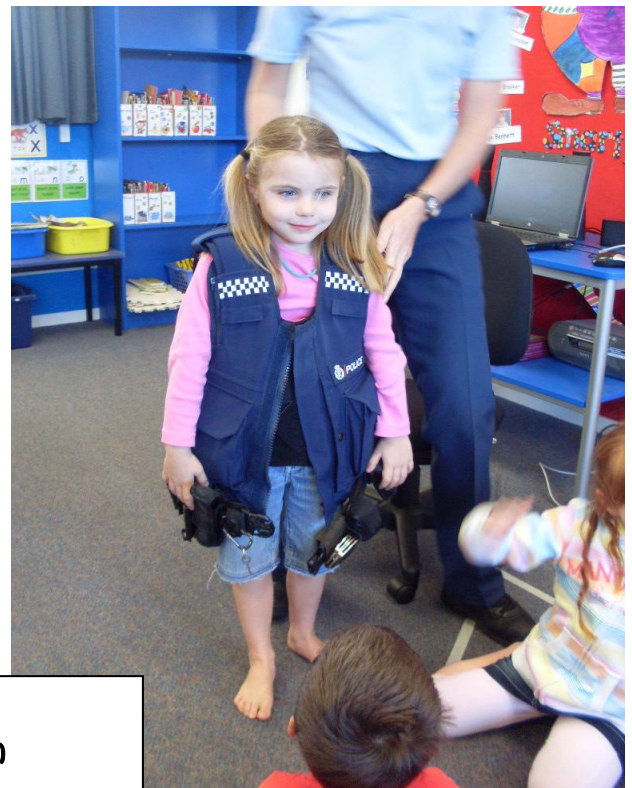
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Discovery Time in Room 2 & 3
- Making Gingerbread Men and
Making clothes for their Gingerbread men!



Room 2 learning how to
"Keep Ourselves Safe" with
Constable Jasmine Bundle
and her police car

